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THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Gerard J. Tate:

Application No. 10/736,114 Filed on December 15, 2003

Title: FASTENER FOR USE WITH SHOES

Re Office Action of Nov. 26, 2004

Group Art Unit 3677

Examiner Lavinder

## **AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents PO Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated November 26, 2004, please amend the application identified above as follows: